

APPENDIX J

NEMS Availability Status Codes for Equipment

The availability of equipment listed in NEMS is central to the visibility required to make effective redistribution decisions. In order to provide a key to the relative availability of particular items, the record for each item will contain a status code letter, reflecting its degree of availability. It is important that the basic intent of these classifications be understood in order to facilitate optimum equipment reuse, consistent with program requirements, priorities, and economics.

- a. Status Code A. Equipment is in active use and considered unavailable in the normal conduct of business. Screening of equipment classified as Status Code A is not a requirement. However, if there is an urgent need for a particular item, Status Code A equipment can be screened, and the holding Center may be willing to lend/transfer the item if their need is not critical.
- b. Status Code B. Equipment is inactive and is in the Center's loan pool, in storage, on lease or loan out, or held by an organization for a specific, identified program or project. Status Code B equipment can be screened but may or may not be available for reutilization by other organizations or Centers.